

Minutes of the Focus Committee Meeting, May 3, 2007

Present: Bob Fichtel, Chairman; Pat Frederick, Christina Sargent, Sallie Thoma
The meeting was called to order at 7:15

Christina told the committee that the GFA Federal Credit Union is negotiating with Richard Wright to buy the white house he owns next door to the hardware store. They plan to demolish the house and build "something even better" as a Main Street location for a branch office. Bob will write a letter to the GFA.

The committee looked at the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting, particularly Article 33, concerning the rezoning of land at the junction of Maple Avenue and Puffer Street. This would convert land presently zoned Residential to Industrial zoning around Flo Chemical Corporation.

The charette to solicit public opinion on future development of the present Highway Department property will be held at Cushing Academy on June 9th. Bob has a handout to be distributed to people in town, announcing the charette. Places the charette can be announced and/or posted include the Business Council meeting, Town Meeting, Selectmen's meeting, Cable TV bulletin board, the Senior Center, library, schools, including Cushing, and the Affordable Housing Committee meeting.

Bob had shown the committee's proposed Highway Department plans to the new Town Engineer, and they had visited the two prospective sites for relocation of the Department. The Engineer recommends the Lashua property as the better choice, because although it is not served by the sewer line, present technology has more efficient sewage disposal systems than were formerly available. The Williams Road site would necessitate more hill-climbing by heavy equipment going to the North side of town. If Kevin Lashua decides to divest himself of the adjoining land, this would be an even better prospect for the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting has been scheduled for June 21st at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia H. Frederick,
Recording Secretary